

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Yutaka TAKEUCHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1793

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Examiner: Weiping ZHU

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For: NITRIDING METHOD AND DEVICE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.111

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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August 25, 2009

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated April 21, 2009, please amend the application as shown on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.